

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 68 and 70 are now pending in this application. Claim 68 has been amended, support for which can be found at least in the specification as filed at pages 3-4, and original claim 1. Claims 69 and 71-75 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer by this response. Applicants believe that the claims are in order for allowance, as suggested by the Examiner.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference could be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues, she is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at 202.408.4454.

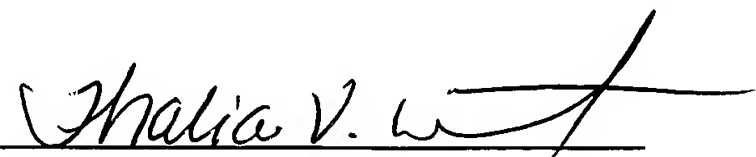
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Respectfully submitted,

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